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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MT. HAWLEY INSURANCE COMPANY, )

Plaintiff, )

Vs. ) No. 1:22-cv-10354-GHW

BEACH CRUISER, LLC and FLYWAY )

MANAGEMENT, LLC, )

Defendants, )

and )

NATIONWIDE GENERAL INSURANCE (COMPANY, )

Intervenor Defendant. )

VIDEOCONFERENCE VIDEO-RECORDED DEPOSITION OF GRAY COLLINS UNDER FRCP RULE 30(b)(6) TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE INTERVENOR DEFENDANT NATIONWIDE GENERAL INSURANCE

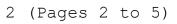
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1	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you, Counsel.	1	A. I do.
2	Could the court reporter please swear in	2	Q. Before I move on, are you having trouble
3	our witness.	3	hearing me?
4	THE COURT REPORTER: Please raise your right	4	A. No.
5	hand. Do you swear or affirm the testimony you are	5	Q. Okay. Perfect. We have a court reporter, who
6	about to give will be the truth, the whole truth,	6	is taking down everything we say, with us today. And
7	and nothing but the truth?	7	because of that, and particularly because this is a
8	THE WITNESS: I do.	8	remote deposition, there are a couple specific
9	THEREUPON,	9	instructions to go over.
10	GRAY COLLIER,	10	First, your ques responses to questions
11	being by me first duly sworn to tell the whole truth, as	11	must be verbal. You have to say yes or no or provide a
12	hereinafter certified, testified as follows:	12	verbal response. What that means, you can't just shake
13	THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you. You may	13	your head yes or no because that won't show up in the
14	proceed.	14	transcript.
15	DIRECT EXAMINATION	15	•
16		16	Do you understand that?  A. I do.
17	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	17	
	Q. Good morn good morning, Mr. Collier. As I		Q. Okay. Perfect. And second, we should make an
18	said, my name is Lucas Katzenmeier, an attorney for	18	effort to avoid talking over as much as possible so that
19	Nationwide in this matter. And as I'm sure you're	19	we can get a clear record here. So when I ask a
20	aware, we're here for your deposition in response to a	20	question, please let me finish my question before you
21	subpoena issued by our office. Before we get into the	21	begin your answer. And during your answer, I will make
22	deposition proper, we're going to go over some ground	22	an effort to refrain from asking a new question until
23	rules. First, you just took an oath, and that means	23	you are finished.
24	you're required to tell the truth in this deposition.	24	Do you understand that?
25	Do you understand that?	25	A. I do.
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1	Q. Okay. Perfect. So when we're going through	1	reason, please let me know. I am more than happy to
2	these and you're giving your responses, I don't want you	2	take breaks whenever we need it, although I don't expect
3	to guess in giving your responses. If you don't know	3	this to be an overlong deposition today. But all I ask
4	the answer to a question, you can tell me that. If you	4	is that if we if there's a question pending, I would
5	can give me an approximation on an answer, that's fine,	5	ask that you answer that question before we take a
6	but please when you're doing so, tell me that you're	6	
7	approximating in your answer.	7	break. Is that okay? A. Understood.
8	Do you understand?	8	Q. Okay. And lastly, as far as these
9	A. I do.	9	instructions go, when answering a question, please try
10	Q. Okay. And the purpose of this deposition	10	to limit your answer to the question posed, or your
11	today is to just get all the information we can. I'm	11	communication during the deposition should be limited to
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13	not here to try to trick you or swindle you into	12	the context of the deposition. So what that means is,
14	something. So if you don't understand a question, if	13	unless we're taking a break, please no texting or
15	something is unclear, please ask me.	14	calling someone else during the course of the
	If you understand my question, or if you	15	deposition.
16 17	answer my question without asking for clarification, I	16	Do you have a phone on your person?
17 18	will assume you've understood the question and we'll	17	A. I do.
	move on.	18	Q. Okay. As long as that is reasonably on
19	During the course of this deposition, your	19	vibrate or silent, that would be appreciated. And
20	attorney may object to a question. After your attorney has voiced his objection, you can still answer unless	20	please no using your phone to write or receive notes
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21 22 23	your attorney instructs you not to.  Do you understand that?	22 23	Any questions so far?  A. No.

Q. Perfect. All right. So have you taken any

medications today that could affect your ability to



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A. I do.

Q. Okay. Perfect. If you need a break for any

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1	provide truthful testimony?	1 A. Nonparty witness in both cases.	
2	A. No.	2 Q. Okay. Have you ever provided testimony at	
3	Q. Okay. Do you have any health problems that	3 trial before?	
4	could affect your ability to provide truthful testimony?	4 A. I'm sorry. Say that again.	
5	A. Not that I'm aware of.	5 Q. Have you ever provided testimony at trial	
6	Q. Okay. Have you ever had your deposition taken	6 before?	
7	before?	7 A. I have.	
8	A. I have.	8 Q. Okay. And what was the purpose of that?	
9	Q. How many times?	9 A. I was a witness for the prosecution on a agent	
10	A. Three.	10 theft matter in Brunswick, Georgia.	
11	Q. Three.	Q. Okay. Thank you. So I'm going to move into a	
12	A. This would be the fourth.	12 little bit of your background.	
13	Q. I'm sorry. You said this would be four?	Can you tell me who your current employer is?	
14	A. This would be the fourth.	14 A. Bass Underwriters.	
15	Q. Okay. How recent were those other	Q. Okay. And I think we before we get too far	
16	depositions?	removed from the background information, can you pleas	se
17	A. Not near. Past. Several years ago.	17 spell your name for me?	
18	Q. Okay. Would you say more than five years?	A. G-R-A-Y. Last name is Collier, C-O-L-L-I-E-R.	
19	A. For one of them, yes.	19 Q. Okay. Thank you Mr. Collier.	
20	Q. Okay.	How long have you been at Bass Underwriters?	
21	A. One of them was the last two years.	A. 19 years and change.	
22	Q. Okay. And for what reason were your	Q. 19 years. That's quite a while.	
23	depositions previously taken?	What is your current position at Bass	
24	A. Various.	24 Underwriters?	
25	Q. Various?	A. Branch manager of the Atlanta branch.	
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Q. Okay. And are you familiar with the materials



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1	that were submitted by the agent on behalf of Beach	1	Can you see my screen, Mr. Collier?
2	Cruiser?	2	A. I can.
3	A. I am.	3	Q. Okay. And I'll scroll down a bit, but does
4	Q. Okay. Let's see. So what was the extent of	4	this policy tell me if you as soon as you know,
5	communication between Bass and Mt. Hawley during the	5	does this policy look to be the policy that you're
6	underwriting process, specifically for the policies for	6	referring to as the policy we're here to discuss today?
7	Beach Cruiser?	7	A. Slow down. It's one of the Mt. Hawley
8	A. I don't recall.	8	policies. You scrolled past the effective date fast, so
9	Q. Don't recall. Was there any communication	9	I didn't catch that.
10	between Bass Underwriters and Mt. Hawley during the	10	Q. Oh, I'm sorry.
11	underwriting process for the policies issued to Beach	11	A. It's a 2021 to 2022 term, so that's the
12	Cruiser?	12	that's the policy that
13	A. I don't remember.	13	Q. Okay.
14	Q. Okay. Do you recall when strike that.	14	A we're talking about today, yes.
15	When was the first policy issued by Bass	15	Q. Okay. And you understand that to be the
16	Underwriters to Beach Cruiser?	16	policy issued to Beach Cruiser?
17	A. Are you asking specifically about the policy	17	A. I do.
18	that we're talking about today?	18	Q. Okay. And is this a renewal policy, or is
19	Q. Well, so I guess I'll address that first.	19	this the initial policy?
20	When you say the "policy we're talking about	20	A. I believe that's a renewal policy.
21	today," what policy do you understand that to be?	21	Q. Okay. Okay. And the Policy No. here it says
22	A. It looks like a 2020 excuse me 2021	22	GGL26067; correct?
23	year.	23	A. Yes.
24	Q. And let me let me do this for you. I can	24	Q. So that's the '21 to '22 policy period.
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3	MR. KATZENMEIER: Yeah. Sure, sure.	3	what Beach Cruiser does; correct?
4	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	4	Q. Correct.
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10	THE WITNESS: I don't recall.	10	different.
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14	Mt. Hawley?	14	of Beach Cruiser's operations?
15	A. I'm sure that we do, yes.	15	A. That they rented a dwelling, tenant dwelling,
16	Q. Okay. Does that agreement impose any	16	in Charleston, South Carolina.
17	obligations on Bass Underwriters to communicate	17	Q. And what was the basis for that understanding?
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19	in specific during the underwriting process?	19	Q. Okay. Let me okay. I actually may have
20	A. I don't know because I've never seen that	20	that for you as well. So let me
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2	Q. Okay. Before we move on from this Dwelling	2	through Bass Underwriters?
3	Supplemental Application form, is I noticed this says	3	A. It varies. You can get a call or, you know, a
4	RSUI at the top.	4	message that says, hey, I have a rental dwelling. Can
5	Is that a form commonly used by Bass	5	you send me an app?
6	Underwriters?	6	Q. Okay.
7	MR. GAINEY: Object to form. Answer it.	7	A. And so you send them an app.
8	THE WITNESS: Yes. It's commonly used.	8	Q. Okay. So generally speaking, though, if you
9	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	9	were to get a call, or if Bass Underwriters were to get
10	Q. Okay. Was this a form that was provided by	10	a call, and the caller said send me an app for a
11	Bass Underwriters to Beach Cruiser or Beach Cruiser's	11	dwelling application form, is this the form that Bass
12	agent?	12	Underwriters would send them?
13	A. Yes.	13	A. It's the form I obviously sent, but it could
14	Q. Okay. Do you does Mt. Hawley have its own	14	change. I mean, that's pretty open-ended. I mean, we
15	supplemental dwelling application?	15	run into so many different scenarios.
16	A. I'm sure they do.	16	Q. Sure. I'm just asking generally right now.
17	Q. Is there a reason that this RSUI form might	17	A. In this specific instance, yes.
18	have been provided to Beach Cruiser as opposed to Mt.	18	Q. Okay. Are there other Dwelling Supplemental
19	Hawley's own form?	19	Application forms maintained by Bass Underwriters that
20	A. Not specifically.	20	they may generally send?
21	Q. Okay. Does is this RSUI form included	21	A. Not maintained by Bass. We don't make them.
22	in or provided to all insureds seeking insurance?	22	Q. Okay.
23	A. No, because this is specifically a dwelling	23	A. We have access to them, but yes.
24	supplemental application.	24	Q. Okay. So how would Bass Underwriters
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2	THE COURT REPORTER: Noted.	2	Q. Oh, December.
3	MR. KATZENMEIER: Thank you.	3	A. December of 2023.
4	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	4	Q. December.
5	Q. Okay. And what is your current understanding	5	A. I think it was, you know, just before
6	of what Beach Cruiser's operations are?	6	Christmas. I don't remember the exact date.
7	A. My current understanding is that they were	7	Q. Okay. Okay. And how were you notified?
8	leasing these units or buildings out, if you were, on a	8	A. It was received a call from counsel at RLI.
9	short-term basis.	9	Q. Received a call from counsel at RLI. And do
10	Q. Okay. You mentioned a legal issue was the	10	you remember the name? Strike that.
11	cause of the change of your understanding.	11	What was the name of counsel that called you?
12	Can you tell me what that legal issue was?	12	A. I don't recall.
13	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.	13	Q. Don't recall.
14	THE WITNESS: At that well, I mean, my	14	Okay. Does the book of business at Bass
15	understanding of a legal issue started in December	15	Underwriters for Beach Cruiser involve more than one
16	when I got a call that there was a deposition	16	property?
17	regarding a claim that happened, I believe, in 2021	17	A. I believe it does.
18	or 2022. RLI or Mt. Hawley, rather, was taking the	18	Q. Okay. Do you how many properties?
19	deposition or giving a deposition based on the	19	A. I don't know off the top of my head.
20	merits of the case. Until that day, I didn't I	20	Q. Okay. Does the book of business for Beach
21	didn't even know there was a claim turned in on	21	Cruiser involve more than one policy?
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2	information contained in the applications it receives?	2	application is clear, there's no questions on the way
3	A. Bass Underwriters receives the application	3	the application was answered.
4	from the agent and the subsequental the supplement	4	Q. Okay. All right. I asked a similar question
5	applications from the agent, and signed by the insured	5	earlier. Do you recall or are you familiar with when
6	and we take that as the truth.	6	Bass Underwriters might have received this Dwelling
7	Q. Okay. Is there any circumstance under which	7	Supplemental Application from
8	Bass Underwriters will undertake an investigation of a	8	A. When we received it?
9	property to ensure that its use is the same as stated on	9	Q. Correct.
10	an application?	10	A. I don't recall the specific date in which we
11	A. There are circumstances. Most notably, you	11	received it.
12	look at the property on Google online, look at the	12	Q. Okay.
13	picture, see if it looks like what they put on their	13	A. But it has a date on it; so
14	application.	14	Q. Yeah, I'm going to scroll down to that. So
15	Q. Okay. So what would prompt Bass Underwriters	15	the it looks like the date here is September 2, 2020;
16	to look at the property on Google to make sure it's the	16	is that correct?
17	same as what the insured listed on the application?	17	A. That's correct.
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19	A. Many different reasons. I mean, you know, you	18 19	Q. Do you have any reason to believe that is not
20	get an application. The first thing you do is look at the Google map to see what it looks like.	20	on or around the date Mt. Haw sorry, not
		l	Mt. Hawley Bass Underwriters received this
21 22	Q. So the first thing Bass Underwriters would do	21 22	Supplemental Dwelling Application?
23	as soon as receiving an application is google the		A. I'm sorry, you cut out on the first the
24	property?	23 24	first bit of that question. What was it?
25	A. I mean, generally speaking, yes. It may not be the first thing. There's no there's no policy in	25	Q. Sure. Strike the last question. I'll reask it.
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5	J. Dyer; correct?	5	Q. Okay. Is this a just a general inspection
6	A. It does.	6	order form?
7	Q. Can you tell me who J. Dyer is?	7	A. To my knowledge, yes.
8	A. I don't know him personally. I think he is an	8	Q. Okay. Okay. I'm going to
9	underwriter in our Charleston, South Carolina branch.	9	MR. KATZENMEIER: Can you mark the inspection
10	Q. Okay. So he's an employee of Bass	10	form I presently have up as Nationwide Exhibit 3,
11	Underwriters; would that be right?	11	please.
12	A. To my knowledge, yes.	12	THE COURT REPORTER: Noted.
13	Q. Okay. Do you scratch that. Strike that.	13	MR. KATZENMEIER: Thank you very much.
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15	placed?	15	Q. I'm going to move on to a another document.
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2	Q. Does Bass Underwriters have the authority to	2	Q. Okay. Can you tell me what those instances
3	cancel policies issued on Mt. Hawley paper without	3	are?
4	referral to Mt. Hawley?	4	A. We have certain rules that are dictated by
5	A. We do.	5	Mt. Hawley based on time, you know, issue, so many
6	Q. Okay. Does Bass Underwriters strike that.	6	different issues it could be, and at times it would have
7	What circumstances would lead to Bass	7	to go to them to approve a reinstatement, at times it
8	Underwriters canceling a policy?	8	doesn't.
9	A. Again, it's it's so many different	9	Q. All right. What is the source of those rules
10	circumstances. It goes risk to risk. So if you want to	10	imposed by Mt. Hawley?
11	ask about this specific policy, I can answer. But, you	11	A. Their underwriting manual.
12	know, we deal with so many different types of risks.	12	Q. The underwriting manual. Is so before we
13	That's really a tough question to answer.	13	move on from that, let me just pull something up.
14	Q. Thank you, Mr. Collier. I understand. I'm	14	Can you see my screen, Mr. Collier?
15	trying to go through the general risks first.	15	A. I can.
16	A. I understand.	16	Q. Okay. Is this the I'll scroll out a little
17	Q. So if information had been revealed in a an	17	bit so you can see.
18	inspection report such as this, would that be grounds	18	Is this the underwriting manual you're
19	for cancellation of a policy?	19	referring to?
20	A. There's a possibility.	20	A. It appears to be.
21	Q. Okay. How about how about recision of a	21	Q. Okay. And I can I'll scroll through it so
22	policy? Does Bass Underwriters have the authority to	22	you can see the whole thing generally. But are the
23	rescind a policy issued on Mt. Hawley paper?	23	these guidelines are the underwriting manual you're
24	MR. GAINEY: Object to form. If you know.	24	referring to?
25	THE WITNESS: In certain instances.	25	A. It appears to be, yes.
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1	Q. Okay. Thank you.	1	dedicated team on the cancellation side. So I just
2	MR. KATZENMEIER: Can we mark the underwriting	2	don't get into that.
3	manual I have pulled up right now as Nationwide	3	Q. Okay. But are the rules that authorize Bass
4	Exhibits 5, I believe we're on.	4	Underwriters to rescind the policy on Mt. Hawley's
5	THE COURT REPORTER: Noted.	5	behalf contained in this underwriting manual, or are
6	MR. KATZENMEIER: Thank you.	6	they contained somewhere else?
7	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	7	A. They're not contained on that form there. And
8	Q. So if you could, Mr. Collier, is there any	8	quite honestly, I don't know where they are contained.
9	what what portion of this underwriting manual are you	9	That doesn't happen under my authority.
10	referring to insofar as grants Bass Underwriters	10	Q. Okay. But you do understand that Bass
11	authority to rescind their policy?	11	Underwriters has the authority to rescind the policy
12	MR. GAINEY: Before you answer, do you even	12	issued on Mt. Hawley paper?
13	see the rest of that to review that?	13	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.
14	THE WITNESS: No, I don't, because that	14	THE WITNESS: Under certain parameters, yes.
15	that document wouldn't provide that information.	15	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:
16	And I'm not exactly sure where the the data or	16	Q. Under certain parameters. Would that
17	the instructions are on recisions in Mt. Hawley. I	17	authorization be contained in a different document than
18	just don't know where that information is kept.	18	these underwrit this underwriting manual?
19	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	19	A. Honestly, I don't know. I'd have to go
20	Q. Well, I mean, earlier you testified that the	20	through the whole underwriting manual.
21	rules were from the underwriting manual and that this	21	Q. Now, when you say you'd have to go through the
22	A. And underwriting rules. They're I suspect,	22	whole underwriting manual, are you referring to a
23	and, again, I don't know this firsthand, there's a	23 24	different document than what I have in front of you?
24	cancellation policy that most likely exists with	25	This is four pages.  A. Yeah. Well, you have to understand, the
25	Mt. Hawley but that is housed and handled by our	23	A. I can. Wen, you have to understand, the

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1	underwriting manual is thousands of pages.	1	Q. And do you know what that policy number refers
2	Q. Okay. So is what I have in front of me just a	2	to?
3	portion of the underwriting manual?	3	A. Do I know what it refers to?
4	A. That's correct.	4	Q. Well, put another way: What does that policy
5	Q. Okay.	5	number refer to?
6	Okay. So I want to go back to the inspection	6	A. It refers to a Mt. Hawley policy.
7	report	7	Q. Okay. Do you know the policy period?
8	A. Sure.	8	A. I based on what you're showing me right
9	Q I have here. So you indicated that, and	9	now, I don't. I can look it up.
10	correct me if I'm wrong, you indicated that sometimes	10	Q. Okay. I have I have a copy of it. I
11	incorrect information provided or revealed through an	11	can I can pull it up for you.
12	inspection report may be grounds for cancellation; is	12	So here is the policy and here are the
13	that correct?	13	declarations. Does that policy number at the top of
14	A. Yes.	14	this document that I have read GGL31463?
15	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.	15	A. Correct.
16	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	16	Q. And that matches the policy number on the
17	Q. I'm sorry. Did you say "yes"?	17	inspection report I just showed you; is that correct?
18	A. Yes.	18	A. Yes.
19	Q. Okay. I want to scroll down and this is	19 20	Q. Okay. And what is the policy period for this
20	inspection this inspection report is dated	21	policy period or for this policy? A. 8/31/22 to 8/31/23.
21 22	September 20, 2002; correct? A. Yes.	22	A. 6/31/22 to 6/31/23. Q. Okay. Thank you.
23	Q. And this says the Policy No. is GGL31463; is	23	MR. KATZENMEIER: Could we please mark the
24	that correct?	24	policy I presently have up from August 2022 to
25	A. Correct.	25	August 2023 as Nationwide Exhibit 6.
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2	There's no glaring potholes. Stuff of that nature.	2	Q. Okay.
3	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	3	A. It basically looks at the inspection received,
4	Q. So I want to go back to the underwriting	4	reviews it, and then would, in fact, notify the
5	manual you mentioned just a moment ago.	5	underwriter of any kind of, you know, glaring issues
6	And I'm going to scroll down to where it	6	with that inspection. Again, it's not designed to
7	says here. To where it says, "Short-term rentals	7	re-underwrite a file. It's more of a an inexpensive
8	(less than 12 months) and vacation rentals should be	8	tool to give you, you know, eyes on the ground of the
9	referred." Did I read that correctly?	9	property.
10	A. Yes.	10	Q. Okay. Do you know whether Mt. Hawley was ever
11	Q. What does that sentence mean in this	11	notified of the results of this inspection report?
12	underwriting manual?	12	A. I don't.
13	A. It means that if you have a risk that is doing	13	Q. Are inspection reports performed for policies
14	short-term rentals, it needs to be referred to the	14	written on Mt. Hawley paper generally sent to
15	company.	15	Mt. Hawley?
16	Q. Okay. So returning to the inspection report,	16	A. As in sent to the carrier, I believe so. I'm
17	if the inspection report returns information that says	17	not involved in that part of this business, so I
18	the property is being rented by the day, is that	18	can't I can't answer that with a hundred percent
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21	THE WITNESS: It's possible.	21	Beach Cruiser by Bass Underwriters was ever canceled?
22	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	22	A. I don't recall. I think something from
23	Q. When you say "it's possible," when would it	23	yesterday there was a memo that maybe there was an
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2	returned?	2	Q. Did Bass ever
3	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	3	A definition.
4	Q. Correct.	4	Q. Did Bass ever rescind the policy as a whole?
5	A. Well, if a policy is rescinded, the policy was	5	MR. DELAHUNT: Objection to form.
6	never technically canceled. So there would be no return	6	THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, Luke. I didn't I
7	premium to send.	7	thought you were finished. If you weren't, I
8	Q. So to clarify at this point, are you are	8	apologize.
9	you referring to the recision of the cancellation?	9	MR. KATZENMEIER: I I realized it was a
10	A. Well, so I think maybe we're just getting	10	little vague, so I was about to clarify. I can
11	confused on the terms. A Notice of cancellation is sent	11	
12		12	rephrase the question.  MR. GAINEY: No. Let him rephrase it.
13	out, and it gives us a certain period of time whether it	13	MR. KATZENMEIER: It's a it's a little hard
14	can, you know, in the future, based on the state law, so	14	
	in case and this is generally speaking here because,		to hear you.
15	again, I don't know which one you're specifically	15 16	THE WITNESS: If you could, just ask that one
16	talking about if whatever generated the cancellation	1	more time.
17	was rectified, then a recision can be sent prior to the	17	MR. KATZENMEIER: Of course.
18	actual cancellation date. So, you know, when you say	18	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:
19	"recision," there's, you know, if it's done before the	19	Q. Did Bass ever rescind an entire policy issued
20	actual cancellation date, there's no money to return.	20	to Beach Cruiser?
21	The policy was never canceled.	21	MR. GAINEY: Object to form. Go ahead if you
22	Q. Okay. Thank you for that, Mr. Collier. So	22	know.
23	for the purposes of this question, when I say	23	THE WITNESS: Not that I'm aware of.
24	"recision," I mean a recision of coverage with the	24	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:
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3	Q. Of course. Would the circumstances under	3	Mt. Hawley don't change based on the same rules between
4	which Bass Underwriters is required to refer an	4	new business and or renewal of a policy; is that
5	application to Mt. Hawley be contained within the	5	correct?
6	underwriting manual?	6	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.
7	A. Yes.	7	THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't really I guess
8	Q. Okay. Do the circumstances change at all when	8	I'm not clear. Are you asking about this specific
9	the issue the policy is a when the issuance is a	9	policy, or are we talking in general business
10	renewal of a policy versus a new business?	10	practices?
11	A. I guess so rephrase the question. I think	11	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:
12	I know what you're asking, but I'm not clear.	12	Q. General business practice with respect to Bass
13	Q. Sure. Due to the circumstances in which	13	Underwriters' business with Mt. Hawley.
14	Mt. Hawley or Beach Cruiser. Sorry. So many names.	14	A. It can change. I mean, there's no there's
15	Do the circumstances in which Bass	15	no set criteria of when they update manuals or
16	Underwriters is required to refer an application to	16	acceptabilities or rules.
17	Mt. Hawley change when the policy being issued is a	17	Q. Sure. So let me clarify that.
18	renewal as opposed to new business?	18	Under the current set of underwriting manuals,
19	A. Okay. I understand. They could. You know,	19	is there a different set of rules for where Bass
20	rules change, you know, as time goes by, with	20	Underwriters is required to refer an issue to Mt. Hawley
21	acceptability. So, yeah, they could very well be the	21	for new business versus versus for the renewal of a
22	same rules, they may not.	22	policy?
23	Q. Okay. Would the change of those rules be	23	A. I'm not aware of any.
24	based on revisions to the underwriting manual?	24	Q. Okay. Okay.
25	A. Correct.	25	A. I apologize. I just didn't understand the
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1	another communication here and let me know if you can	1	correct?
2	see my screen.	2	A. It appears to be, yes.
3	A. Yeah.	3	Q. Okay.
4	Q. Okay. This appears to be an email from	4	MR. KATZENMEIER: Can we go ahead and mark
5	February 2022 from a Tiffaney Middleton to yourself; is	5	this set of emails and this thread as I'm on 7
6	that correct?	6	now, Nationwide Exhibit 7.
7	A. That's correct.	7	THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, but I think it might
8	Q. Okay. Who is Tiffaney Middleton?	8	be 6.
9	A. I think she was the CSR at the insurance	9	MR. KATZENMEIER: I think I had 6 as the 2022
10	agent, USI.	10	to 2023 policy period. Did I mention that? I
11	Q. Okay. And CSR, can you tell me what that	11	might have cut out or something.
12	means?	12	MR. DELAHUNT: No, Luke, you're right. The
13	A. Customer service representative.	13	2022 policy is marked as 6, according to my notes.
14	Q. Customer service representative.	14	MR. KATZENMEIER: Okay.
15	Okay. Now, Mr. Collier, this this email	15	THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.
16	asks for can you tell me how much information I would	16	MR. KATZENMEIER: Thank you.
17	need to provide her with a quote for a property for	17	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:
18	short-term rentals; is that correct?	18	Q. Mr. Collier, can you tell me what the context
19	A. Yes.	19	for this email is?
20	Q. Okay. And I'm looking at the subject line	20	A. It's a little bit all over the place. It
21	here	21	appears the context is she's wanting to know what
22	A. Sure.	22	information I need on a new project that this insured is
23	Q this one right in the middle of GGL0026067.	23	considering.
24	That matches the 2021 to 2022 policy period for the	24	Q. Okay. And do you understand all of these
25	Beach Cruiser policy I showed you earlier; is that	25	policy numbers to refer to policies issued to Beach
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1	Cruiser?	1	Q. Do you know which insurer's paper that would
2	A. I believe so.	2	have been written on?
3	Q. Okay. So from this, was it your understanding	3	A. I believe it's Nautilus Insurance Company.
4	that Beach Cruiser was involved in issu using	4	Q. Okay. And how about this SAF010208?
5	short-term rentals at some point?	5	A. Without looking it up, I don't know
6	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.	6	specifically which properties it pertains to, but that's
7	MR. DELAHUNT: Same.	7	a Safety Specialty Insurance Company prefix.
8	THE WITNESS: I don't recall. You know,	8	Q. Okay. And this CCP988057?
9	what I don't recall reading this email in 2022.	9	A. That's a Century Surety policy.
10	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	10	Q. Okay. And the GPD0006297?
11	Q. Okay.	11	A. I believe that's a Mt. Hawley property policy.
12	A. Other than it appears to be very choppily	12	They use different prefixes for different things, so I'm
13	written. I would say the basis of my thoughts would be	13	not a hundred percent sure.
14	that, you know, we're talking about a new property and	14	Q. Okay. And were any of these policies issued
15	they want to know what they need to provide specifics	15	to cover short-term rentals?
16	for a quote.	16	A. Not that I'm aware of.
17	Q. Okay. Do you know well, strike that.	17	Q. Okay. I'm going to stop sharing my screen on
18	Was a policy ever issued by Bass Underwriters	18	that one. Okay. I'm going to pull up another document
19	to Beach Cruiser for short-term rentals?	19	for you, Mr. Collier.
20	A. Not that I recall.	20	Can you see my screen, Mr. Collier?
21	Q. Okay. And these other policies numbers up	21	A. I can.
22	here, can you tell me what this what type of policy	22	Q. All right. Are you familiar with this
23	this AN1246602 policy would have referred to?	23	document, Mr. Collier?
24	A. Yeah. I believe that's an excess policy	24	A. I am.
25	that's in excess of primary.	25	Q. Okay. Can you tell me what this document is?

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1	A. It looks like an invoice from Bass	1	Q. Okay. And then is that are those funds
2	Underwriters to the retail agent.	2	then remitted to Mt. Hawley?
3	Q. Okay. And can you tell me the let's see	3	A. That's correct.
4	the date of this invoice?	4	Q. Okay. Okay. That's what I was curious about.
5	A. You said the date?	5	MR. KATZENMEIER: Now I'm can we go ahead
6	Q. The date of the invoice, correct.	6	and mark this set of documents as Nationwide
7	A. Looks like 9/8/22.	7	Exhibit 8.
8	Q. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Collier. Okay. And I	8	THE COURT REPORTER: Noted.
9	just want to scroll up.	9	MR. KATZENMEIER: Okay. Let's see. It might
10	Can you tell me what this document is?	10	actually be a reasonable time to take a break if
11	A. I can't. I mean, that's the first time I've	11	guys want to do that.
12	seen it back in it looks like a invoice from the	12	THE WITNESS: Love to.
13	agent to the insured.	13	MR. DELAHUNT: Yes.
14	Q. And I'm just going to scroll up one more time.	14	MR. KATZENMEIER: Do you want five?
15	And this is can you tell me, are you familiar with	15	MR. GAINEY: Five minutes? Ten minutes?
16	this document?	16	MR. KATZENMEIER: I'm okay with five minutes.
17	A. I'm not, no.	17	You guys want five minutes?
18	Q. Okay. My question, based on these documents,	18	MR. GAINEY: Yes.
19	is refers to the process of payment between the	19	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the
20	insured and Bass Underwriters for the policy. So	20	record. The time is 11:45 a.m.
21	does when a premium is paid for the policy by the	21	(A sort break.)
22	insured or the insured's agent, does that go directly to	22	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record;
23	Bass Underwriters?	23	the time is 11:55 a.m.
24	A. When the insured the insured pays the	24	MR. KATZENMEIER: Okay. Before I get back
25	agent, the agent pays us.	25	into things, I was going to say, Tim, this might be
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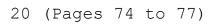


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1 testify about, you'll see that one of the topics is 1 A. Yes.	
2 Topic 2 Topics 2 and 3. Do you see that, sir? 2 Q. I'm sorry, sir. I didn't catch that.	
3 A. Under the 30(b)(6) topics? 3 A. Yes, yes.	
4 Q. Yes, sir. 4 Q. Fantastic.	
5 A. I do. 5 MR. PIERANTONI: So we'll mark thi	s and enter
6 Q. Okay. And you understand you're here to 6 it as Exhibit 9, I believe. Great.	
7 testify with the regard to the underwriting of the 7 BY MR. PIERANTONI:	
8 Mt. Hawley policy; right? 8 Q. And in response to another subpoena	_
9 A. Right. 9 to the subpoena asking for documents, I'm go	
Q. And the renewal of the Mt. Hawley policy; 10 you that Bass has produced three separate pro	·
11 correct? 11 at least a production of documents in three pa	
A. The renewal of the first year of the first 12 then there appears to be a coversheet for each	
renewal. 13 the coversheet for one production, if you can	take a
Q. Okay. And to that extent there were documents 14 look at that, sir.	
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MR. DELAHUNT: It should be 9, I think. 19 think because I have it written down I think	ink it's
20 MR. PIERANTONI: 9? Okay. 20 the 2021 year.	
21 BY MR. PIERANTONI: 21 Q. That is correct. The August '20 to '21	. and
Q. Were you ever shown this, this subpoena, sir? 22 I'll just scroll down hopefully the policy wi	
23 A. I was. 23 up shortly.	
Q. Okay. So you recognize this to be the	
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1	time, I think we can read the representation is the	1	to anything but it's just so that everybody could
2	August '20 to '21 policy. Is that okay with you,	2	follow more easily, I put a page number at the bottom.
3	Mr. Collier? That this policy	3	So to extent I refer to these documents, I'm going refer
4	A. That's a 2021 policy.	4	to those numbers. Okay? You may not have it on your
5	Q. Right. And the next document grouping is this	5	end, sir, but it will help to the extent there's a page
6	one here, and it has this policy number in front.	6	count.
7	Do you recall what that policy number what	7	So with regard to your appearance today, did
8	policy that policy number stands for, sir?	8	you have at any point did you I believe you
9	A. Yes. It's it appears to be '21/'22 renewal	9	testified earlier you spoke to somebody at Mt. Hawley
10	policy.	10	prior to your appearing for the deposition today?
11	Q. Great. And then the third grouping of the	11	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.
12	production from Bass is this one here, and do you	12	BY MR. PIERANTONI:
13	recognize that policy number?	13	Q. I'm asking if that was your testimony, sir.
14	A. I recognize it as a policy number. I would	14	A. Yes.
15	assume that it's the subsequent renewal after the '21	15	Q. Okay. Do you recall who that person was at
16	or '21/'22 policy.	16	Mt. Hawley you spoke to?
17	Q. So would you is it fair to say that this is	17	A. I honestly don't recall. It was several
18	for the August 31, 2022 to 2023 policy?	18	people.
19	A. Yeah, I believe so without seeing it. I mean,	19	Q. Okay. You don't remember any of their names?
20	it's in the it's in the discovery, so	20	A. I believe I believe one was a Dana and then
21	Q. Okay. And just just so you know, to the	21	I believe Tim was on the call as well.
22	extent I refer to these groupings	22	Q. So when you say "Tim," you're referring to
23	A. Sure.	23	counsel, Tim Delahunt, who is appearing at this
24	Q you'll see at the bottom I put page no. 1	24	deposition?
25	of whatever, and I did that because it's not an answer	25	A. I believe so. I don't recall, honestly.
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3	MR. PIERANTONI: Right.	3	of privilege. They're apples and oranges. You
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5	deposition. I am here as Mt. Hawley's attorney. I	5	mine. We can proceed if you're ready.
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13	included in that, are privileged.	13	garbled?
14	MR. PIERANTONI: Okay. I'm just going to	14	A. I'm sorry. That's
15	place on the record an exception to that, and I	15	Q. That's okay. I've had a bad cough myself.
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18	just making the exception for the record and we'll	18	this case was in December of last year?
19	move on. Okay?	19	A. That's correct.
20	MR. DELAHUNT: Well, I can	20	Q. Okay. And you also recall that
21	MR. PIERANTONI: Go ahead.	21	Mr. Katzenmeier showed you documentation from
22	MR. DELAHUNT: I can make I can talk on the	22	September 2020
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13	claim turned in on and I don't recall which	13	hurt in some form or fashion, as they were a tenant at
14	policy it was on either, sir.	14	this property, I believe 146 President Street.
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17	matter that Mt. Hawley seeks to have a declaration of	17	A. No. That's a separate matter.
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19	claim is about?	19	sir. I'm asking what is then what did you mean by
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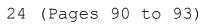


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10	was provided to Mt. Hawley in August 2022, would you	10	correct.
11	have any reason to disagree with that?	11	Q. Okay. And if you were to learn that that was
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13	I was privy to that knowledge.	13	there is no connection between the habitability claim
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19	that what was called the habitability claim;	19	Reporter, the last question.
20	correct?	20	THE COURT REPORTER: Yeah, just give me a
21	MR. PIERANTONI: I'm referring to the accident	21	minute. My realtime is acting up. Sorry for the
22	that's the underlying accident here. However, you	22	delay.
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3	Legacy a role on the renewal of the third policy? And	3	switch I'm going to shop sharing. If you could,
4	I'll just bring you to policy number again. That policy	4	bring up the underwriting guidelines.
5	right there?	5	MR. KATZENMEIER: Yeah, I can do that.
6	A. Which? And the question was what again?	6	BY MR. PIERANTONI:
7	Q. Did Bass share in recovering fees or other	7	Q. Okay, sir. Do you recall this document that
8	monies for the renewal of this particular policy along	8	you testified to earlier?
9	with another? Let's say, Legacy?	9	A. I do.
10	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.	10	Q. Okay. And I believe you testified earlier
11	THE WITNESS: I mean, it's I still don't	11	that this constituted just a small part of the
12	understand the question, so it's	12	underwriting file for Beach Cruiser that you maintain
13	BY MR. PIERANTONI:	13	that Bass maintains for Beach Cruiser; correct?
14	Q. What was what was Bass's role vis-à-vis	14	A. That is a small part of the underwriting
15	Legacy?	15	manual for Mt. Hawley Insurance Company.
16	A. I wasn't the underwriter on that file, so I	16	Q. Okay. And to the extent that this applies to
17	can't speak to that relationship and what happened	17 18	issuing coverage to Beach Cruiser, you would refer to
18 19	there. But it appears to be that Bass Underwriters	19	these guidelines in issuing that coverage; correct?
20	handled the account for another retail agent.	20	A. Correct.
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23	involved in that; correct?	23	there one of the guidelines. Can you read that aloud,
24	A. That's correct.	24	please?
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2	sort of referred to earlier to the previous page, one of	2	between the two?
3	the bases for submitting an application is short-term or	3	A. I don't know.
4	vacation rentals. Do you see that, sir?	4	Q. Okay. Do you these underwriting
5	A. I do.	5	guidelines, is it important for Bass to follow the
6	Q. Okay. Do you see under ineligible where it	6	underwriting guidelines from Mt. Hawley?
7	states "Airbnb, VRBO, and similar online rental	7	A. Yes.
8	operations"? Do you see that?	8	Q. How important is it?
9	A. I do.	9	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.
10	Q. What does it mean to be ineligible in that	10	THE WITNESS: It's speculation. I I mean,
11	context?	11	I can't answer a speculatory question.
12	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.	12	BY MR. PIERANTONI:
13	THE WITNESS: Can you refer to the specific	13	Q. Well, is it something that is it's a
14	question directly under ineligible?	14	guideline, so you have the option of following it or
15	BY MR. PIERANTONI:	15	not?
16	Q. I'm referring to the first basis for making an	16	A. We're required to follow the underwriting
17	application ineligible.	17	manual.
18	A. It says it right there. Airbnb, VRBO, and	18	Q. Okay. Is it fair to say that Bass is required
19	similar online rental operations.	19	to follow the underwriting guidelines strictly?
20	Q. So can you describe the distinction between	20	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.
21	that and short-term or vacation rentals above?	21	THE WITNESS: Yes.
22	A. They're very similar.	22	BY MR. PIERANTONI:
23	Q. Okay. In what way are they similar?	23	Q. Okay.
24	A. A short-term vacation rental is very similar	24	MR. PIERANTONI: Luke, I hate to bother you
25	to what Airbnb and VRBO do.	25	again, but can you bring up the underwriting
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2	used by Bass.	2	Q. And that is Bass's understanding of what is
3	BY MR. PIERANTONI:	3	the question and this application relating to short-term
4	Q. Okay, sir. Do you recognize this document,	4	rentals; correct?
5	Mr. Collier?		
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2	or by the week or by the month, would that still be a	2	sir, that we just looked at?
3	question about short-term rentals?	3	A. I don't.
4	MR. DELAHUNT: Form.	4	Q. Okay.
5	THE WITNESS: The question doesn't say that.	5	MR. PIERANTONI: Luke, can you bring up the
6	BY MR. PIERANTONI:	6	underwriting guidelines again? And can you go up
7	Q. I know. I'm asking you a hypothetical.	7	to that first page?
8	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.	8	BY MR. PIERANTONI:
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10	Q. If that question said the day, by the week, or	10	one-sentence paragraph that appears there?
11	by the month, would that still be considered short-term	11	A. I do.
12	rentals?	12	Q. And do you see how Mt. Hawley defines
13	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.	13	short-term rentals?
14	THE WITNESS: That question wouldn't be as	14	A. I do.
15	clear if it said that.	15	Q. How do they define it, sir?
16	BY MR. PIERANTONI:	16	A. Twelve months or less.
17	Q. Why not, sir?	17	Q. Okay. And it's still your position that
18	A. Because by adding the month, you're changing	18	the by adding the word "monthly" to that question on
19	the question completely.	19	the application changes it entirely?
20	Q. Okay, sir. How would the question be changed	20	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.
21	completely?	21	THE WITNESS: The word is not there. And
22	A. Because that's not a short-term rental.	22	it's, again, it's a hypothetical question.
23	Q. A monthly rental is not in a short-term	23	MR. PIERANTONI: Right. But it's a
24	rental?	24	hypothetical that I'm asking you to answer.
25	A. No.	25	MR. GAINEY: I object to form.
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3	MR. GAINEY: Same objection. Do you	3	Mt. Hawley's underwriting application for dwellings?
4	understand the question?	4	A. Have I seen it? I don't recall.
5	THE WITNESS: Yeah, I understand the question.	5	Q. Okay.
6	I just I don't understand and forgive me, a	6	A. It's possible.
7	public school kid when we're adding words to a	7	MR. PIERANTONI: Luke, if you could, switch
8	question, maybe I'm not smart enough to follow	8	the share to me.
9	that.	9	BY MR. PIERANTONI:
10	BY MR. PIERANTONI:	10	Q. All right, Mr. Collier, do you see the
11	Q. Is it I could ask a different question.	11	document I have in front on the screen in front of
12	Is it fair to say that reading the first part	12	you?
13	of the question, "What is the average monthly rent?" if	13	A. Not yet.
14	that question could refer to a short-term rental?	14	Q. Oh. My apologies. It helps if I actually
15	MR. GAINEY: Objection to form.	15	press "share."
16	THE WITNESS: I don't believe so. I believe	16	A. Sorry. I have trouble with computers as well.
17	they're two separate questions.	17	Q. Do you see it now, sir?
18	BY MR. PIERANTONI:	18	A. I do.
19	Q. If an insured rented by the month and answered	19	Q. Great. Have you seen that document before?
20	this application and put down the average monthly rent	20	A. I believe I have.
21	as this person did 1,000, 1,800, 3,000 wouldn't	21	Q. And what would you refer this document to
22	that be considered a short-term rental?	22	why would you how would you refer to this document?
23	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.	23	A. How would I refer to it?
24	THE WITNESS: Based on the guidelines, yes.	24	Q. Yeah.
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4	A. Short-term rental, anything less than 12	4	rentals at an insured property or property they were
5	months.	5	going to insure, would that sound an alarm bell to look
6	Q. In terms of referral versus in terms of	6	into that issue further if it contradicted the
7	ineligibility versus submission?	7	application?
8	A. One was a referral; one was ineligible, yes.	8	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.
9	Q. Which of the two was the ineligible?	9	THE WITNESS: It's possible.
10	A. The VRBO or V-R-B-O, or the other one, Airbnb.	10	BY MR. PIERANTONI:
11	Q. Okay. Is there a question specifically asking	11	Q. You mean there are instances where it wouldn't
12	about Airbnb, VRBO, or similar on the underwriting	12	trigger a further investigation or research?
13	application that was used by Bass for Beach Cruiser?	13	A. There is infinite number of situations that
14	A. No.	14	can apply to various topics.
15	Q. When Bass comes across an error or an issue	15	Q. Right. I'm just I'm actually being more
16	that contradicts the information provided in an	16	specific than that, sir. I'm referring to an instance
17	application, what steps does Bass take next?	17	where an underwriting application, specifically the one
18	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.	18	that was issued to Beach Cruiser, if that underwriting
19	THE WITNESS: It varies depending on the	19	application had something in it, right, that
20	information.	20	contradicted something found out later by Bass, what
21	BY MR. PIERANTONI:	21	would what steps would Bass take to look into that
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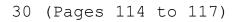


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1	mind very much I'll stop sharing can you	1	Thank you.
2	bring that invoice that you had? I forgot what	2	MR. KATZENMEIER: Okay. I just have a few
3	exhibit it was.	3	follow-up questions for you, Mr. Collier.
4	BY MR. PIERANTONI:	4	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
5	Q. Okay. Mr. Collier, do you recognize this	5	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:
6	document from before?	6	Q. The first of which is, I want to refer back to
7	A. I do.	7	the supplemental application form. And I can pull that
8	Q. Are you aware that the invoice was, in fact,	8	up if you need me to, but is it your understanding that
9	paid by the insured, Beach Cruiser?	9	the date on that supplemental application form was
10	A. I have no personal knowledge of it at all.	10	September 2, 2020?
11	Q. Do you have any reason, or are you aware of	11	A. That's correct.
12	any facts or circumstances, that would lead you to	12	Q. Okay. And the I just want to clarify that
13	believe that the insured did not pay this invoice?	13	the policy period for what I think we're referring to as
14	A. I'm not.	14	policy number one, which was that I don't have it
15	Q. Okay.	15	pulled up but the 19322 number?
16	MR. PIERANTONI: Okay. I have no further	16	A. That's correct.
17	questions right now depending on what further	17	Q. That policy incepted August 31, 2020; is that
18	questions I hear from other counsel.	18	correct?
19	Thank you, Mr. Collier.	19	A. That sounds right.
20	MR. GAINEY: He said "thank you."	20	Q. Okay. So my question is that is it fair to
21	THE WITNESS: You're welcome.	21	say that that supplemental application Supplemental
22	MR. KATZENMEIER: Let me stop sharing my	22	Dwelling Application form dated September 2020 was
23	screen for now. I just have a still no	23	submitted in connection with the application for what
24	questions, Tim?	24	we're referring to as policy number one?
25	MR. DELAHUNT: Yeah. No, I'm all set.	25	A. That's correct.
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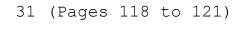


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2	in that instance.	2	MR. DELAHUNT: Form.
3	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	3	THE WITNESS: No.
4	Q. Okay. Would sorry. I didn't realize you	4	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:
5	were still going. Please continue.	5	Q. No. Okay. Would would Bass Underwriters
6	A. We would most likely get the carrier involved	6	be authorized to extend the policy period for the policy
7	at that point or offer coverage with a carrier that	7	covering a risk after discovery that a risk was
8	accepts such risks.	8	ineligible?
9	Q. Okay. So is it so would Bass not be	9	MR. GAINEY: Objection.
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11	without referral to Mt. Hawley? Is that fair?	11	the carrier's instructions if a policy had to be
12	MR. GAINEY: Object to form.	12	extended.
13	THE WITNESS: Well, it would have to follow	13	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:
14	the state laws, of course, for nonrenewal and/or	14	Q. Okay. And is it your understanding that
15	cancellation of a policy	15	Mt. Hawley's underwriting manual provides for extension
16	MR. KATZENMEIER: Of course.	16	of policy periods?
17	THE WITNESS: yes.	17	MR. GAINEY: Objection. Extension of policy
18	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:	18	periods is usually done to comply with state law
19	Q. Right. Okay. And a similar question, would	19	BY MR. KATZENMEIER:
20	Bass Underwriters be authorized to renew a policy or	20	Q. Okay.
21	scratch that. Strike that, please.	21	A with regards to nonrenewal.
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23	increase coverage available under a policy after	23	more thing. Let's see. Let me share my screen right
24	discovering that the risk insured was, in fact,	24	here. Mr. Collier, can you see my screen?
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